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DEPENDENTS OF SOVIET OFFICERS, OFFICIALS MOVING INTO GDR

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Berlin, 23 January 1954 (By own correspondent) -- According to reports from the GDR, dependents of Soviet Army officers and officials in the Soviet occupation administration in recent days have begun to arrive in great numbers in the GDR.

To provide living quarters for the approximately 1,000 women and children arriving daily, the Soviets are requisitioning houses and apartments in all the cities and communities at which Soviet troops are garrisoned. Everyday, East Germans arriving in West Berlin give as the reason for their flight the fact that their homes have been taken over by the Soviets. The arrival of the dependents indicates that the Soviets do not think the Berlin Conference will bring about the withdrawal of the occupation troops.

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